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SUBJ: PARLIAMENT BEGINS LOCKHEED DELIBERATIONS

1. PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON INDICTMENT OF FORMER DEFENSE MINISTERS LUIGI GUI (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT) AND MARIO TANASSI (SOCIAL DEMOCRAT), WHICH BEGAN MARCH 3 BEFORE JOINT SESSION, HAS EXPLOSIVE POLITICAL POTENTIAL. THE DECISION IN THE CASE OF GUI COULD BE CLOSE, AND ALL THE PARTIES ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO ENFORCE PARTY DISCIPLINE AND ATTENDANCE. A SMALL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL DEFECTIONS FROM THE PRO-CONVICTION BLOC OR EVEN ABSENCES DUE TO ILLNESS COULD CHANGE THE OUTCOME AND CAUSE RUINOUS POLEMICS WITHIN AND BETWEEN VARIOUS PARTIES. SOCIALISTS ARE ESPECIALLY WEAK AFTER DIVISIVE DECISION NOT TO JOIN COMMUNISTS AND RADICALS IN MOVE TO INCRIMINATE FORMER PM RUMOR.

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2. INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WILL SOLIDLY SUPPORT GUI, WITH PARTY PRESIDENT ALDO MORO SPEAKING FOR THE DEFENSE. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS SO FAR, HOWEVER, THAT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE APPLYING ANY KIND OF SPECIAL POLITICAL PRESSURES TO SWING INDIVIDUAL VOTES FROM THE PRO-CONVICTION BLOC. IF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS THUS LIMIT THEMSELVES TO A STRENOUS BUT GENTLEMANLY DEFENSE AND THE COMMUNISTS AND

SOCIALISTS REFRAIN FROM TURNING THE MATTER INTO A TRIAL OF ITALY'S
POLITICAL PAST, THEN THE DEBATE COULD END WITHOUT INCREASING
TENSIONS ON THE FRAGILE TIES BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
MINORITY GOVERNMENT AND THE ABSTAINING COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST
PARTIES.BEAUDRY

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